

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

1		
TITLE		RELATING FILES O-28 LINE
Eerik HEINE		A13 498 295 503
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH		DATE, PLACE, AND MANNER OF LAST ENTRY IN U.S.
About 1920 in Estonia		Unknown
OFFICE IN CONTROL OF INVESTIGATION		REPORT MADE AT
Seattle		Seattle
DATE INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED		
July 19, 22, 31, 1963		

SYNOPSIS

Investigation based on confidential information alleging that the SUBJECT is travelling about the United States showing a motion picture film concerning his background in Estonia. Allegation was made that the possibility exists that the SUBJECT is pro-Soviet and possibly working in the interest of the Soviet Union. Investigation locally failed to establish that the SUBJECT propagandized for the Soviet Union while in the Seattle area. SUBJECT departed for Canada on July 25, 1963, allegedly to display his film in Canada and return to his home in Toronto.

DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
SOURCES METHODS EXEMPTION 3B2B  
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT  
DATE 2003 2008

PENDING	PENDING INACTIVE	X CLOSED	REFERRED TO CONTROL OFFICE
REPORT MADE BY			
July 31, 1963 fc Roger W. Sailor, Jr. Investigator Signature			
REVIEWED AND APPROVED			
July 31, 1963 S. M. Bowles Asst. DD, Inv. Signature			
COORDINATED WITH <u>SNS</u> <sup>ed</sup>			

**BEST AVAILABLE COPY**

DETAILS

On July 19, 1963, confidential source, SEA-I-29, advised that the SUBJECT reportedly would be arriving in Seattle shortly to display a motion picture film allegedly depicting his background in Estonia as a member of the ~~guerrilla~~ forces fighting the Communist Occupation Army. Because of the fact that the SUBJECT has alleged that he was captured by the Soviet military on more than one occasion and escaped from their custody, there is some doubt as to the reliability of his claims.

JOHANNES HANNIBAL, a naturalized citizen of the United States, who has furnished reliable information in the past, was contacted at his residence, 3810 Aurora Avenue, Seattle, on July 19, 1963. HANNIBAL stated that he had received a letter within the past two or three days from one JURI RAUS who is the national commander of the Legion of Estonian Liberation, Inc., Estonian House, 243 East 34th Street, New York City. HANNIBAL stated that RAUS is also a captain in the United States Army.

HANNIBAL stated that RAUS wrote to him and told him that ERIK HEINE would be arriving in Seattle Sunday morning, July 21, 1963, and requested that he, HANNIBAL, make arrangements for HEINE to address the Seattle branch of the organization which consists of twenty-one members.

HANNIBAL, therefore, arranged for the use of the Latvian House at 43rd and Densmore, Seattle, and he states that HEINE was to show a film based on his experiences in Estonia and Russia, as well as make a talk.

He stated that RAUS told him in the letter that he should caution the members of the Seattle branch to be very careful about anything they might say to HEINE as he is under suspicion as a possible contact or sympathizer with the Soviets. HANNIBAL stated that the suspicion apparently is based on the unreasonable details of HEINE'S background, which he has been incorporating into his talks and which apparently are included in the film which he shows to various groups.

HANNIBAL stated that HEINE was due to talk in Portland, Oregon, to the Portland Estonian group on Saturday night, July 20, 1963, would arrive in Seattle the next morning by automobile, and after his talk to the Seattle branch would be departing from the United States to British Columbia. He stated that the Portland branch of the organization is headed by ERVIN SOOD of 1304 S. W. Falcon Street, Portland 19, Oregon, telephone CH 4-9677.

HANNIBAL agreed to advise the writer after the SUBJECT addressed the Seattle branch and would report anything of significance.

On July 22, 1963, HANNIBAL advised the writer that the SUBJECT was still in Seattle but was going to leave Wednesday, July 24, 1963, for Vancouver. He stated that as far as he had noticed there was nothing which transpired during SUBJECT'S stay in Seattle which would indicate that he was favorable to the Soviets.

On July 29, 1963, MR. BELIZARS RADZINS, Research Director, YMCA, Seattle, stated that he was aware that the SUBJECT had been in Seattle giving a talk because the Latvian House at 43rd and Densmore in Seattle was rented for that purpose, for Sunday, July 21, 1963. RADZINS who is a Latvian by derivation advised that he has no knowledge of the subject matter of HEINE'S talk.

On July 29, 1963, JOHANNES HANNIBAL was again contacted at his home, 3810 Aurora Avenue, Seattle, and he furnished a letter addressed to him, dated July 10, 1963, by JURI RAUS, copy of which is attached to this report as Exhibit "A". The letter is written in the Estonian language and HANNIBAL states that it is the letter he told the writer about on July 19, 1963. He also furnished a copy of a letter which appears to be dated June 6, 1963, from ELMAR KEERD of New York which is attached as Exhibit "B". This letter is also typed in the Estonian language and according to HANNIBAL sets forth the itinerary of the SUBJECT in the United States and requests HANNIBAL to make arrangements for SUBJECT'S forthcoming talk. HANNIBAL also furnished a letter from KEERD, dated June 25, 1963, at New York, copy of which is attached to this report as Exhibit "C". HANNIBAL stated that this letter also contains the same subject matter as Exhibits "A" and "B".

Ex. "A"

Ex. "B"

Ex. "C"

HANNIBAL advised that the SUBJECT showed a film at the Latvian House in Seattle, on Sunday, the 21st of July, which took about two hours to complete. He stated that the film was made, as far as he knows, by the SUBJECT in Canada with volunteer actors of the Estonian community of Canada who performed without pay. HANNIBAL stated that the SUBJECT was very outspoken and did not request information from anybody but seemed to be anxious to relate his own experiences, and it is his impression that some of the experiences related by the SUBJECT were exaggerations designed to cast himself in the role of a hero. HANNIBAL stated that there were thirty in attendance at the show in the Latvian House, about half of whom were members of the Legion of Estonian Liberation. The other fifteen were made up of members of the local chapter of the Estonian Lutheran Congregation and the Estonian Society of Seattle.

HANNIBAL advised that the SUBJECT has a brother-in-law in Canada, named ARVED VIIRLAID. HANNIBAL stated that VIIRLAID who is an author has written two books devoted to the SUBJECT'S experiences fighting the

SEA, 7/31/63  
A13 498 295

STANFORD LIBRARIES COPY

Russian occupation forces, entitled RISTIDETA HANAD I and RISTIDETA HANAD II. HANNIBAL stated that when the SUBJECT left Seattle on Thursday, July 25, he was destined to Vancouver where he was scheduled to show the picture and make a talk, and he also said that he was giving a show in four or five other places in Canada on his way back to Toronto, the only one of which HANNIBAL could remember is Edmonton, Alberta.

On July 29, 1963, the records of the Seattle Police Department and the King County Sheriff's Office were found to be negative concerning the SUBJECT. On the same date, a representative of Informant SEA-I-29 advised that there is no information available other than which has been previously furnished to this Service.

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

S. Davis  
6509 Gibson Rd.  
Bldg. Hoville, Md.



Air Mail

Mr. J. Hannibal  
3310 Aurora Ave.  
Seattle 3, Wash.

10 juil 63.

Armas res. Hannibal:

Sinpool on põest justid käimas, et  
meie filmiinitsiatoonikud on kaunis  
kohalike voodi ja vormide ja hõstabi  
rendastuse. Sealsed olid eriti suhtelikud ja  
võlpidatud. Tänapäeval on nende vormide  
ja ühenedes seelga palju olle ettevaatlike  
informatsiooni andminega tööriikluskaigus  
palub. Sealsed palun teatoonid jaoks linn-  
metele, eriti neile kes on sünd süjuvaid  
teemaid. Film on pärus reaga ja  
fotub voodata. Samuti palun üksnes spialist  
ettevaatlet kui läätskaigut. Loodan, et hõstab  
siha kontrolli all neile projektilas seda  
tõenäab. Sünd pole mitte hõrko spekulati-  
visme kes on vör ei ole. Peagi et hõg-  
peks ei usaldta.

Tervitades  
Jüri Paans

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

Elmar K e e r d  
N.Y. EVU Esimees  
30-70, 34 Street  
L.I.C 3, N.Y.

New York, 6.juunil 1963.a.

Väga lgp.

Seattle Eesti Võitlejate Unit, u S i n e h e l e.

USA-s on praegu ltn. Eesrik Heine ringreisil oma filmi "Legendi loojad" linastamisega. See film on loodud ltn. Heine isiklikkude läbielamuste taustal, ning käsitab eesti metsavendade võitlusi pärast teistkordset venelaste okupatsiooni - ajajärgul 1946 ja järgnevad aastad. Ltn. Heine võitles isiklikult neli aastat idarindel, oli viis aatat Eestis metsavennaks, ning kandis karistust 9 aastat Siberi orjalaagrites, millisel teemal on nõus eraldi erinema ettekandega.

"Legendi loojad" etendused õuarannikul on peaaegu möödas, 16. juunil on etendus Chicagos, Võidupühal Minneapolises, 30. juunil Los Angelises, ning 13./14. juuli nädalalõpul San Franciscos, ja 20. juulil ettepanekuga Port-landis. Selle järelt jõuaks see fil/<sup>wy</sup> 21. juulil Seattle, kui see aeg on kuidagi Teile vastuvõetav. See oleks viimane etendus USA-s, mille järelt ltn. Heine läheks edasi Kanaada läänerannikule.

Ltn. Heine söidab kohale isiklikult üksindoma autoga, ning tal on kaasas kõik vajalikud abinõud, selle filmi näitamiseks kuni ca. 200 inimesele. Kui rahvast on rohkem, siis oleks parem suurem screen (Tema screen on 6X5 jalga) - See film on valmistatud ainuüksi ltn. Heine kulu ja rahadega, kusjuures kõik näitlejad tegid oma töö tasuta. Pääsmete hind selleks etenduseks on olnud tal normaalselt \$ 2.00, väljaarvatud NEW YORK, kus see oli \$ 2.50.

See film läks USA-s linastamisele Eesti Võitlejate Uhingute patroonaazi all, kusjuures ringreisu kavva oleme võtnud ka suuremaid eestlaste keskusisi, kus EVU-sid pole olemas. Kokkuleppel ltn. Heinega, on selle ringreisu ainukorraldajaks New Yorgi Eesti Vabadussõjalaste Uhing, ning Heino

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

peakorter on mimi juures.

Kui pühapäev, 21 juuli on Teile vastuvõetav, siis palun sellest teatada minule kõige lähemal ajal, et teated järjekorras panna kohalikku ajalikku.- Uhtlasi palun saatki toine kiri Portlandi EVU esimehele, edasi-andmiseks ltn. Heinele, kuhu palun märkida lähem teejuhis Seattlesse sisestöiduks, ning isik ja aadress, kellel juures ta võiks esialgselt peatuda, et et saada kiiremat ühendust kohaliku EVU-ga.

Selgituseks lisani juurde, et ltn. Heine katab loomulikult ruumide üüri ja jooksvad kulud. Olulikult on vaid koha ja täpse kellaja kindlaks-määramine, ning rahva kokkutuleku organiseerimine.

Sonini on "Legendi loojad" USA-s väga soojalt ja häitähtlikult vastu võetud, kuna see on meie tegelik rahvuslik võitlusfilm.

Selgituseks filmi kohta - kavaleht.

Kaasvõitlejalikkke tervitustega

*E. Keerd*  
(E. Keerd)  
N.Y. EVU-Esimees

REST UNAVAILABLE COPY

# BEST AVAILABLE COPY

Mr Keerd Elmar Keerd  
EVU Esimees N.Y. EVU Esimees  
'O, 34 St. 30-70, 34 St.  
.City 3, N.Y. L. I. City 3, NY New York, 25. juunil 1963.a.

Armas kolleeg Johannes Hannibal.

Palju tänu filmietenduse aktsepteerimise osas. Minu poolt on  
Sinu andmed ltn. Heinale edasi saadetud, ja ta on oludes teadlik.

Vahapeal selgus, et Eesti Püevade raames Los Angeles teeb siiski  
filmietonduse, s.o. 3. juulil pärast avatseremooniaat kell 10 õhtul Eesti  
Majas. 30. juunil on kirikusaalis Heine sõnavõtt. Olen usus, kui oled  
Liinieranniku Päevadel, siis kohtud kindlasti ka ltn. Heinega. Olen üldiselt  
arvamisel et tema ringreis toimub kava piires, mispärasd seal vaevaltenem  
enam muudatudi tulob.

Kui see filmietondus on lubi, palun saata minule muljete kokkuvõte,  
Jätasi palun märkida umbkaudne osavõtjate arv. Kokkuleppel ltn. Heinega  
vahan pärast selle ürituse lõppemist teha ringreisi üldkokkuvõtet. Kui  
viimalik, palun märkida ka oma arvamine selle ringreisi korraldamisse osa,  
kus jäite sellega rahule, või jättis mõni asi korralduse osas soovida.  
Ahokemal määral ma ei saa siit kauguste tagant oma kaasabi osutada.

Parimate tervitustega

*Elmar Keerd*  
( Elmar Keerd )

N.Y. EVU esimees